General Launel C. Shepherd, Jr. Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps Commandant's House Righth and I Streets, S.E. Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Lem:

As your term as Commandant of the United States Marine Corps comes to an end, I went you to know of my personal feeling of deepest admiration for your outstanding service. I am honored that my son had the distinction of serving in the Corps under such a commander. Your brilliant leadership has added to the high lustre of a great fighting force.

May your days of retirement be filled with happiness and contentment.

Paithfully,

Allen W. Dulles Director

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